

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Edging mill for hot operation, with a pair of rolls (3; 4), which are arranged with their center axes (5) vertical, can be adjusted relative to each other, and are connected to a rotary drive (8) by means of cardan shafts (6, 7), comprising stationary installation of the rotary drive motor (8) for the two rolls (3, 4) below a the mill floor level (2) and by drive connection of the rotary drive motor (8) with each stationary transmission (9) and of each stationary transmission (9) with its cardan shaft (6; 7), wherein deflector plates (24, 25) are mounted on receivers (22, 23) for the heads of the cardan shafts (6, 7) and can be moved together with the rolls (3, 4), the deflector plates extending downward so as to protect the cardan shafts.

2. (Currently amended) Edging mill in accordance with claim 1, wherein the rotary drive motor (8) is connected to each cardan shaft (6, 7) by means of a continuous drive shaft (10)

with detached bevel gears ~~on both sides~~ (11) and spur gears (12).

3. (Currently amended) Edging mill in accordance with claim 1, wherein the adjustment drives (14, 15) are installed on both sides of the vertical rolls (3, 4) above the mill floor level (2).

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) Edging mill in accordance with Claim 1 [[4]], wherein the movable deflector plates (24, 25) form an essentially vertical, first shaft (26).

6. (Currently amended) Edging mill in accordance with Claim 5 [[4]], wherein a second shaft (27) that follows the first shaft (26) is formed between the ~~stationary~~ spur gears (12) of the cardan shafts (6, 7) by stationary deflector plates (72a, 27b).

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) Edging mill in accordance with claim 6 [[4]], wherein a trough-like collecting pit (29) is

formed below the second shaft (27) for carrying away dirt, scale, wastewater, and the like.

9. (New) Edging mill for hot operation, with a pair of rolls (3; 4), which are arranged with their center axes (5) vertical, can be adjusted relative to each other, and are connected to a rotary drive (8) by means of cardan shafts (6, 7), comprising stationary installation of the rotary drive motor (8) for the two rolls (3, 4) below a mill floor level (2) and by drive connection of the rotary drive motor (8) with each stationary transmission (9) and of each stationary transmission (9) with its cardan shaft (6; 7), wherein deflector plates (24, 25) are mounted on receivers (22, 23) for the heads of the cardan shafts (6, 7) and can be moved together with the rolls (3, 4), wherein the movable deflector plates (24, 25) form an essentially vertical, first shaft (26), wherein a second shaft (27) that follows the first shaft (26) is formed between the spur gears (12) of the cardan shafts (6, 7) by stationary deflector plates (27a, 27b), and wherein the stationary deflector plates (27a, 27b) form a trapezoidal or conical inlet (28) that follows and is directly opposite the movable deflector plates (24, 25).